

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 9, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

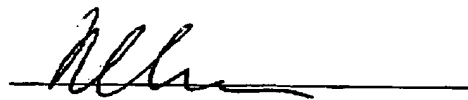
Claims 1-16, 18 and 19 were rejected as being unpatentable over Buchner in view of Hasagawa. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Buchner relates to a vehicle anti-theft technique for use with keyless entry systems. A salient feature of Buchner, as illustrated in Fig. 2, step 58, is determining whether the field strength of a first test signal TS1 is substantially equal to the field strength of a second test signal TS2. If so then a subsequent keyless entry command can be ensured to be bona fide.

Buchner does not teach or suggest, inter alia, "determining whether said second signal strength exceeds a relatively high threshold level so as to locate the mobile unit within a known distance of said means for transmitting said second signal." Nor is there any teaching in Hawagawa that would suggest modifying Buchner to so operate.

Claims 1 and 18 are therefore believed to patentably define over the cited references. Claims 2-16 and 19 are also believed to add novel and patentable subject matter to their respective independent claims. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-16, 18 and 19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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